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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is June 30, 2005.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from the Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0346. In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.108100.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.